

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Commission Seeks)	
Public Comment on)	ET Docket No. 02-135
Spectrum Policy Task Force)	
Report)	

ORDER

Adopted: December 10, 2002

Released: December 11, 2002

By the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology:

1. On November 25, 2002, the Commission issued a Public Notice ("Notice") seeking public comment on the Spectrum Policy Task Force Report.¹ The Notice states that interested parties may file comments by January 9, 2003 and reply comments by February 10, 2003. On December 3, 2002, the IEEE 802.18 Radio Regulatory Technical Advisory Group (802.18 RR-TAG) filed a motion for an 18-day extension of time in which to file comments. On December 4, 2002, Nickolaus E. Leggett (Leggett) filed a motion for an extension of time, requesting at least 30 additional days in which to file comments. The 802.18 RR-TAG asserts that it needs additional time because it must first meet with its members to ensure that the views expressed in its comments represent the consensus views of its members who participate in the standards process. Additionally, it is concerned that the holiday season will have a negative impact on the ability of many interested parties to digest the reports of the Spectrum Policy Task Force and prepare complete, substantive comments by the current deadline. Leggett concurs that additional time is needed due to the holiday season, and adds that global subjects such as spectrum policy require more time for the many diverse parties to develop thoughtful comments on the wide range of issues presented.

¹ "Commission Seeks Public Comment on Spectrum Policy Task Force Report," ET Docket No. 02-135, FCC 02-322 (rel. Nov. 25, 2002).

2. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules,² it is our policy that extensions of time for filing comments shall not be routinely granted. Taking into consideration the circumstances outlined by petitioners, however, we believe that an 18-day extension of time to file comments and reply comments is warranted, and hereby grant such an extension. We also remind parties that, to the extent their comments relate directly to an ongoing proceeding, they should refer to that docket number in the caption (in addition to ET Docket No. 02-135), and file copies of their comments in each relevant docket.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the motions for extension of time filed by 802.18 RR-TAG on December 3, 2002 and by Leggett on December 4, 2002 are GRANTED to the extent detailed above and are otherwise DENIED.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing comments in the above captioned proceeding IS EXTENDED to **January 27, 2003**, and the time for filing reply comments IS EXTENDED to **February 28, 2003**.

5. This action is taken pursuant to the authority delegated by Sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and 155(c); and pursuant to Sections 0.31, 0.241 and 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.31, 0.241 and 1.46.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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² 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.